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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD OF FORMING AN
ELECTROCOATING FILM,
ELECTROCOATING FILM, AND
ELECTRODEPOSITED ARTICLE

Examiner: W. T. Leader

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Citation BA was cited in an Office Action issued in related Japanese Application No. 2006-507688. The other references cited in the Japanese Office Action are not submitted herewith as they were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed July 14, 2006. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. The relevance of Citation BA can be found in its attached English language abstract and in the enclosed full English language machine translation.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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